

RECORD OF PLAN CONFORMANCE AND CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX) DETERMINATION

CX Log #: DOI-BLM-OR-V040-2014-060-CX

CE Exemption category: The following actions are designated as categorical exclusions pursuant to 516 DM 11.9.

- Placement and use of temporary (not to exceed one month) portable corrals and water troughs, providing no new road construction is needed.

BLM Office: Vale District Bureau of Land Management, 100 Oregon Street, Vale, Oregon 97918
Phone #: 541-473-3144

BACKGROUND

Project Name: Squaw Creek Seeding Temporary Corrals

Applicant: None

Location of Proposed Action: Placement and use of temporary portable corrals which will be located in the S1/2SW1/4 of Section 22, Township 21 South, Range 41 East of the Willamette Meridian, Malheur County, Oregon. Also known as the Squaw Creek Seeding located in the Red Hills Allotment.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ACTION: Corrals will be placed along the Crowley road leading to Harper in the Squaw Creek Seeding of the Red Hills Allotment. The temporary corral site is adjacent to the Crowley roadway near the South Racehorse Pasture fence. The corrals will be used to hold sheep and to provide a place to load them into the livestock trailers. The corrals will be in place from June 6, 2014 until June 13, 2014.

PLAN CONFORMANCE

All actions approved or authorized by the BLM must conform to the existing land use plan where one exists (43 CFR 1610.5-3, 516 DM 11.9). Although it is not a NEPA requirement, the BLM includes within all its NEPA documents a statement about the conformance of the proposed action and alternatives with the existing land use plan (LUP). The BLM's planning regulations state that the term "conformity" or "conformance" means that "... a resource management action shall be specifically provided for in the plan, or if not specifically mentioned, shall be clearly consistent with the terms, conditions, and decisions of the approved plan or amendment" (43 CFR 1601.0-5(b)).

The proposed action is also in conformance with the management objectives of the Southeastern Oregon Resource Management Plan (SEORMP, Sept. 2002), *General Planning Criteria*, cited on page 9 of the RMP. The proposed action conforms to program-specific objectives of the SEORMP which are cited on page 59 where it states that, "A combination of administrative and rangeland project development will be implemented, as necessary, on site- specific basis to provide a sustained level of livestock use while maintaining resource values.....Structural rangeland projects will be implemented to facilitate meeting resource objectives rather than making additional forage available." Additionally, on page 56 it states, "Provide for a sustained level of livestock grazing consistent with other resource objectives and public land use allocations."

DOCUMENTATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS: EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, and listed below apply.

Yes	No	Extraordinary Circumstances	Reviewer (Specialist and/or FM Initials in each box)	Date
		1. Have significant impacts on public health or safety.		
		2. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.		
		3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].		
		4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		
		5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		
		6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		
	XX	7. Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office.	CB	6-3-2014
	X	8. Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.	Susan Fritts (plants)	6.3.14
		9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or Tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.		
		10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).		
	XX	11. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007).	CB	6-3-2014
	X	12. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112).	ls	06.03.14

DOCUMENTATION OF RECOMMENDED MITIGATION

For any item(s) above checked "Yes", proposed mitigating measures for those items are listed below. If the CX extraordinary circumstances cannot be mitigated, the criteria required for a CX are not met and BLM must prepare an EA or EIS.

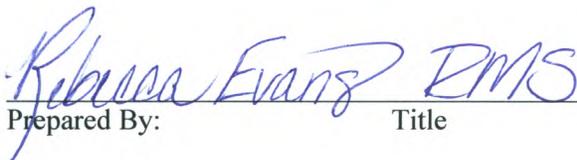
Item No.	Can Be Mitigated	Cannot Be Mitigated	Mitigation Measures	Reviewer	Date

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND DETERMINATION

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with the Departmental Manual Categorical Exclusions list, sections of which are cited and quoted above. The proposed action has also been reviewed in relation to the above listed 12 extraordinary circumstances in accordance with the Departmental Manual, and none of these circumstances apply.

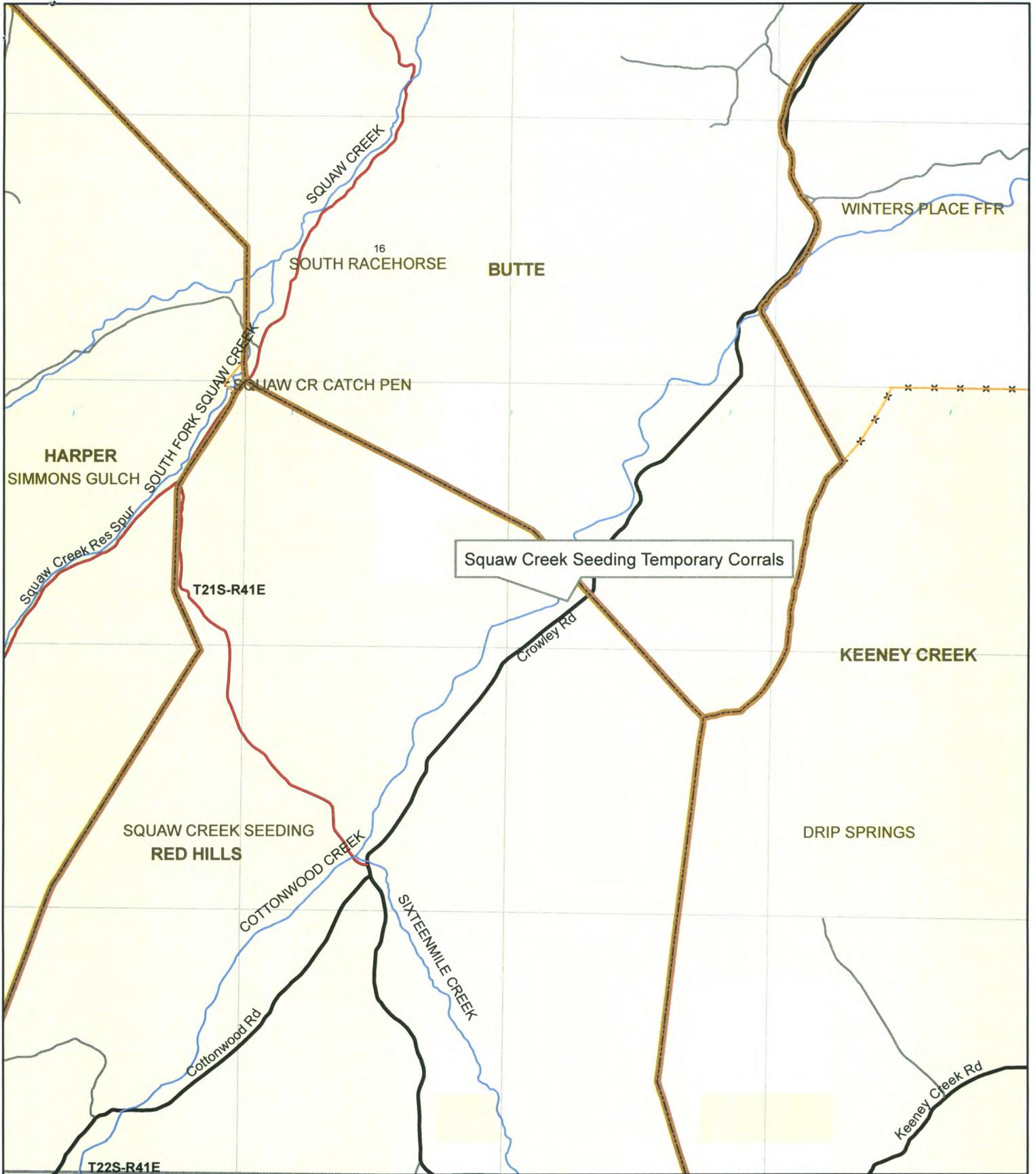
Decision Record

Based on the enclosed Categorical Exclusion Documentation, DOI-BLM-OR-V040-2014-060 CX, I have determined that the proposed action to place a temporary corral and loading chute involves no significant impacts to the human environment and requires no further environmental analysis. It is my decision to authorize this action as proposed. For additional information concerning this project, contact Project Lead Becky Evans Vale District Office, 100 Oregon Street, Vale, Oregon 97918. Phone (541) 473-6376.


 Prepared By: _____ Title: DMS Date: 6/5/14

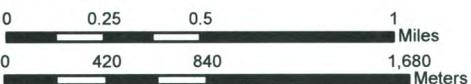
Reviewed By: _____ Title _____ Date _____


 Authorizing Official: _____ Title: Field Mgr Date: 6/6/14



Legend

- Allotment
- Pasture
- County route
- Bureau of Land Management
- BLM
- Private
- County route
- Bureau of Land Management
- Other
- Major Rivers



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